

Amendments to the Claims:

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

The invention claimed is:

1. (Currently amended) A system for broadcasting a video program to several destinations, characterized in that it comprises-comprising:
_____an assembly of broadcasting sources suitable for ensuring the transmission, on an information transmission network, of several video signals comprising the same video program and shifted with respect to time, and
_____means for controlling and managing broadcasting sources, and in that the means for controlling and managing the broadcasting sources- that are adapted to ensure temporal shifts between the video signals supplied by the different sources, all of which are proportional to one and the same elementary shift interval, and include means for receiving a request for a video signal as from a given position,
wherein the controlling and managing means are adapted to control a broadcasting source for broadcasting the video signal as from the given position only in the case of receiving a request for said video signals as from the given position.

2. (Currently amended) A-broadcasting system as claimed in The system of claim 1, characterized in that wherein said elementary shift interval is between 1 and 60 seconds.

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4. (Currently amended) A broadcasting system as claimed in The system of claim 1, characterized in that wherein:

_____ each broadcasting source comprises includes an address on the information transmission network allowing, at a destination, the connection to the broadcasting source and the reception of the video signal broadcast thereby, and in that

_____ the controlling and managing means comprise include:

_____ means for receiving a request for a video signal as from a given position, and

_____ means for addressing, to the requesting destination, the address on the network of the broadcasting source ensuring the broadcast of the video signal as from the given position.

5. (Currently amended) A broadcasting system as claimed in The system of claim 1, characterized in that it comprises including at least one destination comprising that includes:

_____ means for memorizing a position in the video signal during reception of a first video signal, and

_____ means for subsequently receiving a second video signal shifted temporally with respect to the first video signal as from the memorized position.

6. (Currently amended) A receiver for receiving a the video signal from the broadcasting sources of a the system as claimed in claim 1, the receiver comprising:

_____ means for memorizing a position in the video signal during reception of a first video signal, and

_____ means for subsequently receiving a second video signal shifted temporally with respect to the first video signal as from the memorized position.

8. (Currently amended) A method of broadcasting a video program to several destinations, characterized in that it comprises a step of comprising:
____ transmitting, on an information transmission network, several video signals having identical contents from an assembly of broadcasting sources, which video signals are shifted in time with temporal shifts between the video signals supplied by the different sources, all of which are proportional to one and the same elementary shift interval,
receiving a request for a video signal as from a given position, and
controlling a broadcasting source for broadcasting the video signal as from the given position only in a case of receiving the request for the video signals as from the given position.

9. (New) A method comprising:

configuring a plurality of sources to provide a video stream at differing temporal shifts that are multiples of a common shift interval,

receiving a request from a station for a video stream starting at a given position in the stream,

identifying a select source of the plurality of sources based on the given position ,

enabling the select source to provide the video stream based on the request, and

transmitting an Internet address corresponding to the select source to facilitate access to the select source by the station.

10. (New) The method of claim 9, including determining that the select source is no longer being accessed, and disabling the select source when it is no longer being accessed.

11. (New) The method of claim 10, including receiving a termination signal, and determining that the select source is no longer being accessed based on the termination signal.

12. (New) The method of claim 9, including retransmitting the Internet address of the select source based on another request for the video stream from another station, and subsequently disabling the select source when it is no longer being accessed by either the station or the another station.

13. (New) The method of claim 9, including receiving a second request from the station for the video stream at a different position in the stream, identifying a different source based on the different position, enabling the different source, and transmitting a different Internet address corresponding to the different source to facilitate access to the different source by the station.

14. (New) The method of claim 13, including determining that the select source is no longer being accessed, and disabling the select source when it is no longer being accessed.

15. (New) A system comprising:

a plurality of sources that are configured to provide a video stream at differing temporal shifts that are multiples of a common shift interval, and

a controller that is configured to:

receive a request from a station for a video stream starting at a given position in the stream,

identify a select source of the plurality of sources based on the given position ,

enable the select source to provide the video stream based on the request, and

transmit an Internet address corresponding to the select source to facilitate access to the select source by the station.

16. (New) The system of claim 15, wherein the controller is configured to determine that the select source is no longer being accessed, and to disable the select source when it is no longer being accessed.

17. (New) The system of claim 16, wherein the controller is configured to determine that the select source is no longer being accessed based on receipt of one or more termination signals.

18. (New) The system of claim 15, wherein the controller is configured to retransmit the Internet address of the select source based on another request for the video stream from another station, and subsequently disable the select source when it is no longer being accessed by either the station or the another station.

19. (New) The system of claim 15, wherein the controller is configured to receive a second request from the station for the video stream at a different position in the stream, identify a different source based on the different position, enable the different source, and transmit a different Internet address corresponding to the different source to facilitate access to the different source by the station.

20. (New) The system of claim 19, wherein the controller is configured to determine that the select source is no longer being accessed, and to disable the select source when it is no longer being accessed.

21. (New) A system comprising:

a display device that is configured to render images corresponding to a video stream, and

a decoder that is configured to:

transmit a request for the video stream starting at a given position in the stream,

receiving an Internet address corresponding to a source of the video stream that is positioned at the given position,

accessing the video stream based on the Internet address,

providing a sequence of images from the source to the display device corresponding to the video stream, and

subsequently notifying the source that the video stream is no longer needed to be accessed, to facilitate a disabling of the source when the source is no longer being accessed.

22. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the decoder is configured to:

receive a pause command from a user of the system,

store a pause position of the stream corresponding to receipt of the pause command,

terminate access to the source,

transmit a second request for the video stream at the pause position, and

receive a second Internet address corresponding to a second source of the video stream that is positioned at the pause position,

access the video stream based on the second Internet address, and

provide another sequence of images to the display device corresponding to the video stream from the second source.